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C O N F I D E N T I A L KATHMANDU 1814

E.O. 11652 GDS
TAGS: SHUM, VCNT, PINS, PFOR, IN, NP
SUBJ: EX-FOREIGN MINISTER ARRESTED

1. PRESS ANNOUNCED ARREST MAY 1 OF FORMER FOREIGN
MINISTER RISHIKESH SHAH AND FIVE OTHER PERSONS ON
CHARGE THEY "INDULGED IN UNDESIRABLE ACTIVITIES".
SHAH IS SPECIFICALLY CHARGED WITH "PUBLISHING UN-
DESIRABLE AND ILLEGAL ARTICLES WHILE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES".

2. COMMENT: SHAH, WHO ONLY RECENTLY RETURNED TO NEPAL
FROM AN 18 MONTH WOODROW WILSON GRANT IN US AND WHO WAS
RECIPIENT OF IVP GRANT WHILE IN WASHINGTON, ALSO SERVES AS
PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL CHAPTER OF AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL. A
FORMER ACTIVIST IN CONGRESS PARTY POLITICS, SHAH TOLD EMOFFS
UPON HIS RETURN THAT HE HAD STOPPED IN EUROPE TO DISCUSS
ARREST FORMER PRIME MINISTER B.P. KOIRALA WITH BOTH
AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALE. WHILE
WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC ARTICLES SHAH PUBLISHED
IN US, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ARREST STEMS FROM HIS
CONTACTS WHILE IN WESTERN EUROPE. SHAH IS ALSO RE-
PORTED TO HAVE BEEN FORCE BEHIND RECENT LIGAL MOVES
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TO HAVE KOIRALA RELEASED ON HABEAS CORPUS PLEA TO BE
HEAR BY SUPREAME COURT MAY 5. WHILE CLEARLY NO
FAVORITE GOVERNMENT, SHAH'S ARREST STRIKES US AS BEING
UNPOLITIC AT A TIME WHEN GOVERNMENT IS TRYING TO POR-
TRAY ITSELF AS DEFENDER OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN FACE
OF INDIAN CHARGES THAT KOIRALA SHOULD BE RELEASED.
ALTHOUGH NAMES OF TOEHRS ARRESTED HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC

WE UNDERSTAND ALL ARE CONGRESS PARTY ACTIVISTS OF ONE
STIPE OR ANOTHER.
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